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SUBJECT: MIDLINK OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH LEVEL SHIP VISIT

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1. WHILE THE GOP UNDOUBTEDLY HAS ITS OWN REASONS FOR TURNING DOWN OUR INVITATION TO GENERAL ZIA TO BOARD THE ENTERPRISE (REF A), WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A HIGH-LEVEL GOP VISIT TO ONE OF OUR SHIPS IS WORTH PURSUING.

2. ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ENCOUNTERED IN THE ATTEMPT TO GET ZIA ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE WAS THE LATE START IN NAILING DOWN ALL OF THE REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS. ANY FUTURE ATTEMPT SHOULD BEGIN EARLY, SO THAT BOTH WE AND THE GOP CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

3. OUR NAVAL ATTACHE NOTES THAT WE MAY BE PRESENTED WITH ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL USE OF A US SHIP VISIT. DURING THE MIDLINK - 78 EXERCISE, SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 7, THE USNAVY PLANS TO MAKE TWO SHIP VISITS TO KARACHI, WITH A TOTAL OF SEVEN SHIPS AND TWO FLAG OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A SCHEDULED FIRE POWER
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DEMONSTRATION AT SEA FOR VIPS.

4. PROVIDING GOP STILL VALUES CENTO CONNECTION AT THAT TIME, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO GENERAL ZIA AND OTHERS TO GO ABOARD THE LASALLE (COMIDEASTFOR'S FLAGSHIP) FOR THE FIREPOWER DEMO. IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTIONS, WE WILL LET OUR NAVAL ATTACHE WORK

OUT THE DETAILS WITH THE US NAVY AND THE GOP. HUMMEL

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